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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON SISCO

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO NOON AUGUST 12. HE OPENED BY SAYING HE WAS COMING IN ON STANDING INSTRUCTIONS (WHICH HE APPARENTLY RECEIVED AUGUST 10) TO EXPLAIN TURKISH POSITION AT HIGH LEVEL USG.

2. ESENBEL REFERRED TO HIS BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY WHEN THE NATO AMBASSADORS WERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 10. HE HAD INFORMED PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT OF THE SECRETARY'S ADVICE THAT TURKISH FORCES IN CYPRUS SHOW RESTRAINT AND THAT TURKEY DISPLAY MORE FLEXIBILITY IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAD ALSO REPORTED THAT THE US AGREED WITH TURKEY THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

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3. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPLY

FROM HIS GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE US POSITION. HIS INSTRUCTIONS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME ELEMENT WAS MOST IMPORTANT FOR TURKEY. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR TURKEY TO DELAY MUCH LONGER IN DISCUSSING THE SUBSTANCE OF A SOLUTION AT GENEVA OTHERWISE "SOMETHING UNAVOIDABLE MIGHT HAPPEN INSIDE CYPRUS."

4. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD THE SECRETARY'S CONCERN REGARDING FLEXIBILITY AND THEY WOULD TRY TO COOPERATE, BUT NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY WITHOUT RESULTS. THEY HOPED US WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN EARLY MOVEMENT ON SUBSTANCE.

5. ESENBEL DESCRIBED TURKISH POSITION ALONG LINES FORMULATED EARLIER INCLUDING DESIRE FOR TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES ON ISLAND UNDER AN INDEPENDENT FEDERAL CYPRUS GOVERNMENT.

6. ESENBEL BROUGHT OUT A MAP (NOT ENTIRELY UP-TO-DATE) SHOWING THE AREAS OF CYPRUS TRADITIONALLY OCCUPIED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS. HE NOTED THAT PARTITION OR DOUBLE ENOSIS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION SINCE GOT DID NOT WANT ANOTHER "GREEK ISLAND SURROUNDING TURKEY."

7. SISCO REPLIED THAT TURKISH POSITION WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD INCLUDING IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO TIME ELEMENT. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THIS WAS A COMPLICATED ISSUE WHICH COULD NOT BE SETTLED OVERNIGHT. WE HAVE REPORTS OF SOME PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT ON TURKISH ENCLAVES, AND WE HAVE TALKED TO ECEVIT URGING FLEXIBILITY. THERE IS NO US PLAN BUT WE HOPE THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES WILL PUT FORWARD NEGOTIABLE PROPOSALS.

8. SISCO REFERRED TO OUR CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION BY TURKEY. WE HAD TOLD TURKISH GOVERNMENT THIS WAS NOT WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEM OR ACHIEVE THEIR LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVES.

9. SISCO GAVE ESENBEL BRIEF REVIEW OF RECENT CONTACTS WITH
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TURKISH GOVERNMENT AS RESULT OF WHICH ECEVIT WAS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVERAL, RATHER THAN A SINGLE, TURKISH ZONES ON THE ISLAND. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT A US PLAN BUT THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT IT IF IT WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES.

10. ESENBEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS. IN REPLY TO ESENBEL'S FINAL REQUEST THAT USG URGE

GREEKS TO ACCEPT TURKISH PROPOSALS, SISCO SAID THAT WE
ARE CONSTANTLY URGING ALL PARTIES TO MOVE FORWARD TO
FIND A SOLUTION. KISSINGER

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